

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 10/07/2009 has been entered. In virtue of this submission, claims 5, 12-13 and 15 are canceled; thus, claims 1-4, 6-11, 14 and 16-24 are currently in the instant application.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The information disclosure statement(s) (IDS) submitted on 08/26/2009 in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is considered by the examiner.

Interview Summary

3. Examiner contacted applicant's representative, Ira S. Matsil (Registration No. 35,272), on October 16, 2009 for discussing about a proposed amendment. Examiner suggested applicant's representative to change the term "rf" to "RF" of specification and claims 1, 3, 9 and 17. Applicant's representative agreed to authorize examiner to change the term "rf" to "RF" of specification and claims 1, 3, 9 and 17 in Examiner's amendment.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

4. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ira S. Matsil (Registration No. 35,272), on October 16, 2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

a) Specification:

Page 1, line 18, change "rf" to - -RF- -.

Page 2, lines 17, 19, 24, 26, 30, 31, change "rf" to - -RF- -.

Page 3, lines 1 and 25, change "rf" to - -RF- -.

Page 4, lines 17 and 32, change "rf" to - -RF- -.

Page 5, lines 2 and 8, change "rf" to - -RF- -.

b) Claims:

Claim 1, lines 3 and 6, change "rf" to - -RF- -.

Claim 3, lines 4 and 8, change "rf" to - -RF- -.

Claim 9, lines 2 and 6, change "rf" to - -RF- -.

Claim 17, lines 2 and 4, change "rf" to - -RF- -.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 1-4, 6-11, 14 and 16-24 are allowed.
6. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Prior art fails to disclose a planar antenna assembly for use in two different frequency bands, the planar antenna assembly comprising a feed for coupling the patch antenna to the RF circuitry, the feed comprising components that are physically attached to a main surface of the patch antenna, the components for reactively tuning the patch antenna by tuning a first frequency inductively and a second frequency capacitively, the first frequency being lower than the second frequency, wherein the components comprise an inductive element and a capacitive element electrically connected to the patch antenna at two different points, the inductive element being electrically connected between the two points and the capacitive element being electrically connected between the two points in parallel with the inductive element, in combination with the remaining claimed limitations as in claims 1, 3, 9 and 17 (claims 2, 4-8, 10-16 and 18-24 are allowed since they are dependent on claims 1, 3, 9 and 17).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Inquiry

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DIEU HIEN T. DUONG whose telephone number is (571)272-8980. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, from 8:30AM-5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Douglas W. Owens can be reached on 571-272-1662. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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